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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GUINEA BISSAU PRESIDENT CABRAL

1. GUINEA BISSAU PRESIDENT LUIS CABRAL RETURNED BISSAU
AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 23 AFTER 24-HOUR STATE VISIT TO CONAKRY.
CABRAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND SEVERAL
MEMBERS PAIGO POLITICAL BUREAU.

W. SEKOU TOURE MADE POINT OF CORDIAL WELCOME, AND DECORATED
VIRTUALLY ENTIRE PARTY DURING STAY. BOTH TOURE AND CABRAL
DELIVERED LONG AND WARM ADDRESSES BEFORE STADIUM WELCOMING
CROWD. TOURE EMPHASIZED CONTINUING CONFIDENCE IN AND SUPPORT
OF GUINEA BISSAU REVOLUTION, AND CABRAL UNDERLINED CRUCIAL
SUPPORTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY CONAKRY PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.
BOTH ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORTED MPLA CAUSE IN ANGOLA, MADE THE
RITUAL ATTACKS UPON IMPERIALISTS AND NEOCOLONIALISTS, AND
REFERRED TO RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION OF SPANISH SAHARANS.

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COMMENT: BOTH SIDES SEEMED EAGER TO BURY THE HATCHET AND

PUT TENSION OF RECENT MONTHS BEHIND THEM, ALTHOUGH AT LEAST
IN PUBLIC CABRAL GAVE NO HINT THAT HE WOULD APPEASE TOURE TO
EXTENT OF SHOWING GREATER COOLNESS TOWARD SENGHOR. VISIT APPEA-
RED SECESSFUL TO RESTORE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO
PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENTS. ASSUME GUINEAN AMBASSADOR TO BISSAU,
WHO APPARENTLY ADDED TO EXISTING FRICTIONS, WILL BE REPLACED.
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